(d) the steps proposed to carefully assess how the funds were spent and what were the on-ground results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) The States/ UTs reported expenditure of Rs. 9770.25 crores till 31st December, 2006, which is 74.33% of total funds available with them under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Programme.

The pace of expenditure by the States/UTs is one of the indicators to measure progress against the Annual Work Plans and Budget. Key physical targets are also monitored quarterly such as school buildings, additional classrooms and other school infrastructure constructed. A rigorous monitoring system of field verifications through independent institutions has also been put into place in SSA.

Higher education in Andhra Pradesh

2120. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of his Ministry that in view of more than expected enrolment of students under Sarva Siksha Abhiyan, the enrolment of students in higher classes, in Andhra Pradesh has gone up and in the absence of necessary infrastructure the State has taken Rs. 303 crores from NABARD to improve high school infrastructure;

(b) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh requested his Ministry for providing assistance to the tune of Rs. 1,800 crores since Rs. 303 crores is not adequate to meet the target; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and how his Ministry are planning to support the State in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) According to the information received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, the enrolment in secondary schools has gone up by about 9.9 lakh between 2000-01 and 2005-06 and an amount of Rs. 302.90 crore was approved by NABARD under R.I.D.F. programme for implementation since 2005-06.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Allocation for SSA and Mid-Day Meal

2121. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports published in print media recently;

(b) if so, the amount Government are going to allocate for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid-day Meal Scheme during the Eleventh Plan period as compared to Tenth Plan period;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has put forward the demand of Rs. 30,000 crore in this regard; and

(d) if so, the amount to be allocated by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) Against a projected requirement of Rs. 28,924.67 crores for the first year of the Eleventh Plan period *i.e.* 2007-08, the following allocations have been made for Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal (MDM) Scheme, as mentioned in the Budget document:—

SSA	Rs. 10,671.00 crore
MDM	Rs. 7,324.00 crore

Primary education in Andhra Pradesh

2122. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh stands at one of the lowest place in the primary education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the condition of other States in the country; and